

Contributions to the Afroasiatic
Comparative Word List

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0. Abstract

The present study is based on sound correspondences described in my papers on Cushitic and Chadic comparative phonology (Sravnitel'no-istoricheskaja fonetika kushitskix jazykov, Moscow, 1973; the articles in "Jazyki Afriki", Moscow, 1966, "Konferencija po sravnitel'no-istoricheskij grammatike indoevropejskix jazykov", Moscow, 1972, etc.) and in studies by O. Stolbova, N. Panova, and V. Porkhomovsky.

- I list here some new (or rectified) Afroasiatic root cognates:
1. Cushitic *²Vg- 'wait, watch over', Berber *²gj 'watch over'
 2. Cush. *(²Vk)k^wVl- 'river, lake', PKotoko *k^lullV 'lake'
 3. Cush.: Bayso amir 'say', Sem. *²mr id.
 4. Cush. *²Vn- or *²jVn- 'say', Berber *²jnj id., Egyptian 'in id.
 5. Cush. *[²]Vr(V)b- 'elephant', PKotoko *Vr(V)pV id., Eg. ²bw (< *²V²bVw < *²VrbVw ?) id.
 6. Cush. *²VS- 'person, man', Sem. *²inš- id.
 7. Cush. *²it(t)- 'eat', Chadic: Fyer ²et, Tangale ²ed 'eat', cf. IE *ed- etc. < Nostratian *²itā 'eat'
 8. ECush. *g^wV²Vr- 'search', Eg. d²r, Berb. Nefusi ggr, Chad.: PMargi *gV²r- id., Sura k²ayar 'require'
 9. Cush. *g^wV[g]- 'road, way', WChad.: PBolewa *gogo id.
 10. ECush.: Somali gudūd 'coriander', Sem.: Hebrew gad id.
 11. Cush. *giVl 'time', Sem. *gīl- 'age'
 12. CCush. *g²V(n)š- 'wait, be quiet (> 'lie, sleep'), Sem. *gdw 'stand firmly'
 13. ECush. *γVrVj- 'speech', Ssem. *γrj id., WChad.: Angas yirr 'say'
 14. Cush. *Hull- 'earth', PBolewa *²ōli id.
 15. Cush. *hVnK^wVl(l)- 'head, brains', Hausa haɲkali 'mind, intelligence' (?) Sem.: Arabic ʔaql- 'mind'
 16. Cush. *k^wVll- > Bedaue kal 'water-proof basket', Sem. *klw/j 'pot', Chad. *k^wVlV 'pot'
 17. ECush.: Somali kále 'other', Sem. *kl² 'both'
 18. ECush. *kiVl- 'hernia', Sem. *kajl- id., cf. IE *kāulā, ^*kūlā id.
 19. Cush. *k^wVl- 'say', Sem. *kwl 'say, voice';

20. Cush. *kVm- 'devour, eat', Sem.: Arabic kmm id.
21. Cush. *k(w)Vpp- (> *kVpp-, *k^wVpp-, *g^wVp-) 'wicker-basket', Sem. *kupp- 'basket, container', Eg. tb, db? 'jail', kbj 'pot', WChad.: PBolewa *gabi 'pot', Hausa gufata 'a large basket',
22. ECush. *kVrr- 'very cold, ice', Sem. *karh- 'ice, cold', Berber *rs 'frozen, hoar-frost' (< Nostr. *KirV 'hoar-frost')
23. ECush. *k^wVr- 'a stick', Sem.: Arabic karijjat- id., Hausa kirare 'small sticks for firewood'
24. Cush. *kVr(r)- 'dark, black', CChad.: PMargi *kVrV 'black' (< Nostr. *Karä 'black')
25. Cush. *kVrVn- 'horn', Sem. *karn- 'horn', cf. IE *ker-(n-) 'horn', etc. (< Nostr. *KErV)
26. ECush. *lVb- or *lVp- 'lion', Sem. *lab?- 'lion', (?) PMargi *llvara 'lion', (??) Hausa rabbi 'hunting leopard'
27. Cush. *lVl- 'be sleepy', Sem. *lajl- 'night', NWSem. *ljn 'to pass the night', Eg. nn 'night, darkness', cf. Kartvelian *lul- 'sleep'
28. ECush.: Somali māl- 'to milk', Sem. *mlg 'to suck', Eg. mnd 'breast' (< Nostr. *mälge 'breast')
29. ECush. *mVr- 'turn', Sem. *mwr/*mjr 'turn, change'
30. Cush. *mVr- 'pass', Sem. *mrr 'pass'
31. ECush.: Galla morā 'fat', Chad.: PBolewa *mor, Sura mwōr, Hausa m̄ai, PMargi *mal, Kulere mār, Bachama mare 'oil', Eg. mrh.t 'fat'
32. ECush. *SVkk^w- 'morning', Berb. *zikk id.
33. WChad.: PBolewa *²onn- 'give', Sha ²di id., Sem. *jtn/*ntn 'give' (< *²Vnt-, cf. Uralic *amtV 'give')
34. PBolewa *²in[d]V 'stand firmly', Sem. *²md 'stand'
35. PBolewa *lobw- 'love', Sem. *lwb 'be thirsty', Eg. 'ibj, Coptic libi 'thirst'.